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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the official action mailed December 16, 2003, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 2-5, 9-12, 16-18, 23, 24, 26-28, 32, 41 and 50 are allowed and prosecution on the merits is closed.

As requested, enclosed is the original Letters Patent. In view of this, it is respectfully submitted that this re-issue application can now proceed to issue. If any further action is necessary in order for this case to proceed to issue, the Examiner is courteously solicited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.